

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/683,733

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed September 19, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Response to Amendment

The amendment received on September 20, 2006 is acknowledged and entered. Claims 1, and 3-4 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 1-26 are currently pending.

Response to Amendment and Arguments

Applicant's arguments (see pages 10-12) filed September 20, 2006 July 24, 2006, with respect to claims 1, 10, 17 and 20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 10, 17 and 20 has been withdrawn.

The rejection under 35 USC 112 has been withdrawn due to applicant's amendment.

The drawing(s) filed on February 7, 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. As per independent claim 1, the prior art of record, specifically Nanbu et al. (US Patent Number 6,970,754) do not disclose or fairly teach:
calculating a complexity factor based on designated custom parameters and the reference die; and

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calculating the custom die price based on the base die, the custom parameters and the complexity factor.

2. As per independent claim 10, the prior art of record, specifically Nanbu et al. (US Patent Number 6,970,754) do not disclose or fairly teach:

calculating a complexity factor based on the custom die and the reference die;
and

calculating the custom die price based on the base die price, the custom die and the complexity factor

3. As per independent claim 17, the prior art of record, specifically Nanbu et al. (US Patent Number 6,970,754) do not disclose or fairly teach:

a complexity system for calculating a complexity factor based on the custom die and the reference die; and

a calculation system for calculating the custom die price based on the base parameters, the custom parameters and the complexity factor

4. As per independent claim 20, the prior art of record, specifically Nanbu et al. (US Patent Number 6,970,754) do not disclose or fairly teach:

program code for calculating a complexity factor based on the custom die and the reference die; and

program code for calculating a custom die price based on the base die price, the custom die and the complexity factor

5. The NPL prior art of record, specifically, "An Overview of Manufacturing Yield and Reliability Modeling for Semiconductor Products", fails to disclose or fairly teach:

calculating a complexity factor based on designated custom parameters and the reference die; and

calculating the custom die price based on the base die, the custom parameters and the complexity factor.

6. The foreign prior art of record, specifically, JP 2001308120, while disclosing a method for manufacturing semiconductor device, and semiconductor-manufacturing device therefor, fails to disclose or fairly teach:

calculating a complexity factor based on designated custom parameters and the reference die; and

calculating the custom die price based on the base die, the custom parameters and the complexity factor.

7. The remaining dependent claims are considered allowable, as they are dependent and based off of an allowable independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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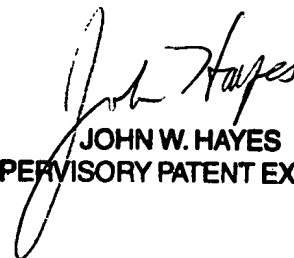
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Freda A. Nelson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7076. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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